

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE INDIANA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
June 10, 2021**

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the State Ethics Commission (“Commission”) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Commission members present were Katherine Noel, chair; Sue Anne Gilroy; Kenneth Todd, Corinne Finnerty; and Rafael Sanchez. Staff present included Tiffany Mulligan, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Inspector General; Jennifer Cooper, State Ethics Director; Mark Mitchell, Director of Investigations, Office of Inspector General; Luba Gore, Staff Attorney, Office of Inspector General; Mark Mader, Staff Attorney, Office of Inspector General; Cindy Scruggs, Administrative Director, Office of Inspector General; Mike Lepper, Investigator, Office of Inspector General; and Nathan Baker, Legal Assistant, Office of Inspector General.

Others present were: Deana Smith, Ethics Officer, Indiana State Department of Health; Tammera Glickman, Deputy General Counsel, Indiana Department of Administration; Sylvia Watson, General Counsel and Ethics Officer, Indiana State Library; Rachel Russell, Ethics Officer, Department of Child Services; Ed Feigenbaum, Indiana Legislative Insight; Bruno Pigott, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Alexander Van Gorp, Staff Attorney, Indiana Department of Health; Jessica Keyes, Ethics Officer, Family and Social Services Administration; Kathleen Mills, Ethics Office, Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Whitney Fritz, Staff Attorney, Department of Child Services; Mattheus Mitchel, Compliance and Ethics Specialist, Department of Revenue; Kristi Shute, Deputy General Counsel and Ethics Officer, Indiana Department of Homeland Security; Kim Rohr, Senior Environmental Manager, Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Lynnette Smith, Medical Surveyor, Indiana Department of Health; Veronica Watson, Community Programs Manager; Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority; Shane Hatchett, Chief of Staff, Indiana Department of Health; Kyleen Welling, Ethics Officer, Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority; Christine McDonald, Internal Affairs Officer, Department of Child Services; Holly Newell, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Workforce Development; Ted Cotterill, General Counsel, Management Performance Hub; Jerry Bonnet, Chief Counsel, Secretary of State; Jacob Sipe, Executive Director, Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority; and, Thomas Davies.

II. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sanchez moved to adopt the Agenda and Commissioner Gilroy seconded the motion which passed (5-0).

Commissioner Sanchez moved to approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2021 Commission Meeting and Commissioner Gilroy seconded the motion which passed (5-0).

**III. Consideration of Agency Limited Personal Use of State Property Policy
Presented by Jerry Bonnet, General Counsel, Office of Indiana Secretary of State**

Jerry Bonnet, General Counsel for the Office of Indiana Secretary of State presented a Limited Use of State Property Policy to the Commission for approval.

After discussion, Commissioner Gilroy moved to approve the Limited Personal Use of State Property Policy and Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion which passed (5-0).

IV. Consideration of Waiver of Post-Employment Restrictions for Kimberly Rohr

Bruno Pigott, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management; and Kathleen Mills, Ethics Officer of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, presented the proposed Waiver of Post-Employment Restrictions in this matter to the Commission for their approval.

Commissioner Sanchez moved to approve the Waiver, and Commissioner Gilroy seconded the motion which passed (5-0).

V. Consideration of Waiver of Post-Employment Restrictions for Veronica Watson

Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority; and Kyleen Welling, Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, presented the proposed Waiver of Post-Employment Restrictions in this matter to the Commission for their approval.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve the Waiver, and Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion which passed (5-0).

VI. Consideration of Waiver of Post-Employment Restrictions for Lynette Smith

Shane Hatchett, Chief of Staff of the Indiana State Department of Health; and Deana Smith, Ethics Officer of the Indiana State Department of Health, presented the proposed Waiver of Post-Employment Restrictions in this matter to the Commission for their approval.

Commissioner Sanchez moved to approve the Waiver, and Commissioner Todd seconded the motion which passed (5-0).

VII. Director's Report

State Ethics Director, Jen Cooper, stated that OIG staff has issued 21 informal advisory opinions since the previous last meeting. The majority of these requests dealt with questions concerning

conflicts of interests, use of state property, ghost employment, outside employment, post-employment and gifts.

Director Cooper continued that this summer's Auditor & Investigator Conference is set for June 23rd and June 24th. It will be a virtual conference and will feature several presentations, including segments from Attorney General Todd Rokita and Auditor of State Tera Klutz.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Sanchez moved to adjourn the public meeting of the State Ethics Commission and Commissioner Gilroy seconded the motion, which passed (5-0).

The public meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.